THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): The assistance sanctioned and disbursed by all India financial and investment institutions to backward areas of Gujarat during the last two years and current year is as under:

(Rs. crores)

	Sanctions	Disbursements
1992-93@. . .	1122.3	745.6
1993-94@. . .	1286.5	488.3
1994-95* . . . (April—September)	524.6	190.2

@ Institutions covered are Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), Industrial Finance Corporation of India Ltd. (IFCI), Industrial Credit & Investment Corporation of India Ltd. (ICICI), Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI), SCICI Ltd. Risk Capital & Technology Finance Corporation Ltd. (RCTC), Technology Development & Information Company of India Ltd. (TDICI), Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Unit Trust of India (UTI), and General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC).

*Institutions covered are IDBI, IFCI, ICICI, SIDBI and IRBI.

Smuggling from India to Bangladesh

2060. SHRI JOYANTA ROY:
SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS:
Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that goods worth about 150 crore dollars are illegally smuggled from India to Bangladesh each year; and

(b) if so, steps taken to check the smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Indo-Bangladesh Border remains sensitive to smuggling. Smuggling being a clandestine activity, it is not possible to state with certainty its quantum. Statistics of goods seized whiile being attempted to be smuggled into India from Bangladesh or smuggled to Bangladesh are as follows:

Financial year	Value of goods seized (Rs. in lakhs)
1992-93	1635
1993-94	1887
1994-95 (upto September, 1994) .	1202*

*Figures provisional.

(b) Anti-smuggling agencies and paramilitary forces of the Central Government on Indo-Bangladesh Border are alert to detect and prevent smuggling.

Suggestions by World Bank

2061. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item published in the 'Hindustan Times', dated 7th November, 1994 under the caption: "Action Plan for clean-up soon" to the effect that on the suggestions of the World Bank and other financial agencies Government are working on a massive clean up package to avoid recurrence of health exigencies like the recent plague outbreak and win back the confidence of the foreign investors; and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Madam.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration.

Fraud at the National Clearance Cell of Reserve Bank of India

2062. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a fraud at National Clearance Cell of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) involving an estimated Rs. 200 Crs. as reported in the 'Times of India' of 3rd September, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the facts and the relevant details in this regard;

(c) when was the fraud case detected and when was it referred to the CBI for investigation and what are the details of the reference made to the CBI;

(d) what is the present stage of enquiry being conducted by the CBI and by when it is expected to be completed;

(e) how many cases of similar frauds have been detected during each of the last three years in the RBI and other nationalised banks and what are the details of each case and what action has been taken against the persons found involved; and

(f) what remedial steps have the Government taken or propose to take to obviate the chances of such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (e) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has

reported that a fraud was detected in the National Clearing Centre (NCC) of RBI at Bombay on 30th July, 1994. 48 cheques for a total amount of Rs. 13.24 lakhs are suspected to have been pilfered from the lots of cheques presented by 15 Member banks including one Sub-Member bank. Three Machine Operators in the NCC are suspected to be behind the fraud. An FIR has been lodged with the CBI on 1st August, 1994 and three Machine Operators have been placed under suspension and departmental proceedings have been initiated against them. The amount involved in the fraud has been placed at Rs. 13.24 lakhs and not Rs. 200 Crs. as reported in the 3rd September, 1994 issue of the Times of India.

The CBI has reported that the case is still under investigation and keeping in view the complicated nature of transactions, no fixed date can be given for completion of investigation. The CBI/RBI have reported that this is the first case of this nature detected in NCC of RBI.

(f) The Bank has alerted all its branches managing the clearing houses about the modus-operandi followed in the fraud to take necessary steps to prevent occurrence of such frauds. The National Clearing Centres of the RBI have been advised to impress upon the member banks in their respective jurisdiction to follow the prescribed procedures and checks.

Comprehensive Agricultural Development Scheme

2063. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have sent any proposal for the implementation of the Comprehensive Agricultural Development Scheme in the State ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण केन्द्र

2064. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उत्पादों की गुणवत्ता में सुधार लाने के लिए कुछ और स्थानों पर राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण केन्द्र स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) वर्तमान राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण केन्द्रों के आधुनिकीकरण के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० वी० चंद्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) और (ख) सिविल इंजीनियरिंग और रासायनिक क्षेत्रों में परीक्षण के लिए सुविधाओं सहित फरवरी-माह, 1994 में जयपुर में राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण गृह (एन० टी० एच०) का एक केन्द्र खोला गया है । राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण गृह के पास गुवाहाटी, हैदराबाद, कोचीन, अहमदाबाद, बंगलौर, गुड़गांव और रांची में और अधिक केन्द्र स्थापित करने की लम्बी योजना है । गुवाहाटी में एक क्षेत्रीय प्रयोगशाला खोलने के लिए व्यवहारिक अध्ययन पूरा कर लिया गया है । राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण गृह में अन्य विचारार्थ केन्द्रों के लिए व्यवहारिक अध्ययन प्रगति पर है ।

(ग) (i) राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण गृह के पूर्वी क्षत्र, कलकत्ता में तकनीकी और प्रशासकीय गतिविधियों, दोनों में कम्प्यूटरी करण पहले ही शुरु किया जा चुका है और अन्य विद्यमान परीक्षण गृहों में इसे शुरु किया जा रहा है ।

(ii) विद्यमान परीक्षण गृहों के लिए आधुनिक कार्यालयी उपस्कर सुविधाएं प्रदान की गई हैं ।

(iii) विद्यमान परीक्षण गृहों के पुराने तथा खराब उपस्करों क स्थान पर आधुनिक तथा नवीनतम उपस्करों को स्थापित किया जा रहा हैं ।

(iv) प्रदूषण नियंत्रण, असंशोधित, धातुकर्मीय सेवाओं, ध्वनिक परीक्षणों आदि के क्षेत्रों में नई सुविधाएं प्रदान की जा रही हैं । हाल ही में राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण गृह, गाजियाबाद में उच्च वोल्टता परीक्षण सुविधाओं का उद्घाटन किया गया है ।

(v) अनुसंधान एवं विकास और प्रशिक्षण स्कंध स्थापित किए गए हैं ।

(vi) कलकत्ता में विद्यमान राष्ट्रीय परीक्षण गृह की सुविधाओं की एक अनैक्सी के रूप में साल्ट लेक, कलकत्ता में आधुनिक प्रयोगशाला काम्प्लैक्स स्थापित की जा रही है ।

Setting up of Agro Industry in Gujarat

2065. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any agro-based industry has been set up by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development in the State of Gujarat so far ;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ;